

Honorable Chairman and Members of the Committee

My name is Shantell McGraw (spell last name)

I'm here to ask for your support for senate bill 394.

Permanent absentee in Cascade County has increased drastically since May of 2008. At the time of the election held for school district 1 we had 8,079 electors registered as permanent absentee. This number increased to 14,972 by the Presidential Primary in 2008. Cascade County gained 6873 permanent absentees voters in less than a 30 day period. During the Presidential General election this number jumped to 16,165. To date, 19,443 electors in Cascade County have chosen to vote by Permanent absentee. This is an increase of 41% since the school election in 2008.

By the way these figures have continued to raise it would seem that more and more of the Cascade County electors desire to vote by mail.

Thank you for your time.